Settlement of civil disputes by the Police Inspectors.

189. ✻MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Police Inspectors are allowed to settle civil disputes;

(*b*) whether Police Inspectors are allowed to use their authority in compelling persons to pay off barred debts;

(*c*) whether there have been complaints of this nature about the Police Inspector of Arukutty; and

(*d*) whether there have been complaints about the Vigilance Committee members of Shertala taluk?

MR. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) No

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

The Legislative Library.

190. ✻MR. M. G. MATTHEW (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many books from the Legislative Library have been lent to non-members?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The total number of books lent to non-members will vary on different dates Unless a particular date is referred to, it is not possible to give the number.

Supply of Medicines to District Hospitals.

191. ✻MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) during which month every year the medical stock is supplied to District Hospitals generally;

(*b*) whether such stock is supplied every year before or only after the previous year's stock is completely exhausted;

(*c*) whether they have noticed that the attendance of patients in the hospitals generally in the dewy month of Dhanu is greater than in other months; and

(*d*) whether it was brought to their notice that for over a month previous to 3-5-1113, the stock of several medicines in the District Hospital, Parur, remained exhausted completely?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) The medical stock is generally supplied every year during the months of Thulam, Vrischigom, Dhanu and Makaram.

(*b*) Such stock is supplied every year before the previous year's stock is completely exhausted.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

Small-pox Hospital at Alwaye.

192. ✻MR. P. K. KUMARAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether they have received any representations, departmental or otherwise, for removing the small-pox hospital from the hospital compound at Alwaye; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by Government on those representations?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) Yes

(*b*) The member is referred to the answer to parts (*i*) to (*k*) of the interpellation No. 17 (21) answered on the 12th July 1938.

Manufacture of Tincture.

193. ✻ **MR. A. THANU PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the cost incurred by them during (i) 1111 and (ii) 1112 for the manufacture of tincture by the Government department; and

(*b*) the cost to Government during the current year on account of the same tinctures?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE:

(*a*) (i) Rs. 32,500;

(ii) Rs. 27,500.

(*b*) The cost to Government during the current year is not known since the invoices are not yet received from the suppliers.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: With reference to part (*b*), may I know whether any approximate figure is avilable, corresponding to what are called 'revised estimates' that we see in the Budget.

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: No Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether the quantity supplied this year is less than the quantity supplied during the last two years?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: The quantity varies according to the needs in a particular year, so it is not possible for me to compare the quantity supplied this year with the quantity supplied in any previous year; but I may say that the quantity required has been supplied.

Buses run by the Transport Department.

194. ✻ **MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of buses now running on the Trivandrum-Nagercoil line;

(*b*) the number of buses run by private agencies before the line was exclusively taken over by the Transport Department; and

(*c*) the average number of passengers per bus per trip travelling each day on the line?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 34, including Nagercoil-Cape, Nagercoil-Colachel service

(*b*) 108.

(*c*) 15.

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